

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 704**

March 24, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) to issue an identification card (ID) to an inmate before release from confinement in any state correctional facility. The identification issued must meet the requirements for a driver license or photo identification license issued by the Department of Safety under title 55, chapter 50, part 3.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$125,000/One-Time  
\$91,000/Recurring**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the DOC, the bill would require the department to purchase equipment to produce the IDs. This equipment would cost the department \$125,000. The bill would result in a one-time increase in expenditures of \$125,000.
- According to the DOC, there has been an average of 6,194 inmates released from state custody each year for the past five years. The DOC assumes that 60 percent of these inmates ( $6,194 \times .60 = 3,716$  inmates) will need an ID, and as a result, a birth certificate.
- According to the DOC, a long form birth certificate costs \$15.00. An ID costs \$9.50 to produce (\$7.50 for the ID + \$2.00 application fee = \$9.50).
- The bill will result in an increase of recurring expenditures of \$91,042 [ $(\$15.00 + \$9.50) \times 3,716$ ].

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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